Member.—A building has been constructed. You yourself saw the building in company with the Executive Engineer. You then pointed out that the building should be divided into separate rooms. If the standard of the school is not raised now, many boys will have to stop education. The Director came to the place. He asked us to provide additional site. We shall provide the additional site in due course.

Dewan.—I shall look into the matter and dispose of it after consulting the Director.

About the opening of a Munsiff's court, the attention of the High Court will be specially drawn to the difficulties regarding the execution of decrees and their opinion invited.

A manure depot can be easily arranged for. A commission depot can be opened.

Member.—The people are not able to choose the manure suited to their lands. A demonstration farm is necessary. An officer should be deputed to show by experimental cultivation the use of the manures. The Kottayam officer may be transferred for one or two years.

Dewan.—There are no men available. So we are going to send eight men to Poona and Nagpur for undergoing training. If the ryots agree, demonstration will be undertaken on their lands.

The request for one more Member for the taluk and another for trade interests is noted.

162. Inconvenience caused to the public by the location of the several public offices in different parts of the town of Kottayam.

Mr. Nainan Eippu (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) represented that the people of Kottayam were put to much hardship on account of the location of the several public offices in different parts of the town. He drew the special attention of Government to the inconvenience caused to the public owing to the Munsiff's Court and the District Court being situated far from each other, and suggested that all the offices might be located in the present Zillah Court compound. He further observed that the acquisition of lands near Tirunakkara would not only be a great loss to Government, but was also unnecessary, as there was sufficient space in the Zillah Court compound. Another request of the Member was the shifting of the Kottayam Sub-Registry office to Thazhathangadi.

Dewan's reply.—Orders have been issued for the construction of all office buildings in the premises of the District Court. But it will take time, as it involves heavy expenditure. As regards the transfer of the Sub-registry office from its present site, I shall consider the matter.

163. Requirements of the town of Changanachery.

Mr. Ouseph Chacko (Member, Trading Classes, Changanachery) mentioned the following as the urgent needs of the town:—

(1) Improvement of the canal from Changanachery to Alleppey by deepening it and removing the curves.

(2) Deepening the canal from the market landing to the Vembanad lake.

(3) The creation of a recreation ground in the town.

In regard to the last, the Member observed that there was a proposal to shift the Travellers' Bungalow from its present site and construct a new building. In that case, the site of the present Travellers' Bungalow might be reserved as a recreation ground for the use of the people.

Dewan's reply.—Government have no intention of giving up the present T. B. The question of a recreation ground will be considered after personal inspection. An estimate has been sanctioned for the deepening of the market canal. It is reported that the existing canal from Changanachery to Alleppey is in an efficient

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condition and is sufficiently deep even for big steam boats. As regards the curves referred to by the Member, the Chief Engineer says that the cost of straightening them will be out of proportion to the advantage to be gained.

164. Needs of the Minachil Taluk.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Minachil Taluk) submitted that the needs of the taluk had been brought to the notice of Government at several sessions of the Assembly and that nothing had been done so far in the matter. He first prayed for the construction of the following roads and bridges ;—

1. Construction of a bridge across the Minachil River in the Lalam-Ponkunnam road, and another near the Kadanad church in the Lalam-Todupuzha road. An estimate for the former had been sanctioned in 1091. The Member requested provision of funds therefor in the current year's budget.

2. Bharananganam-Tidanad road.

3. Vazhamattam-Pinnakunad road.

4. Road from the 3rd mile of the Melkavu road to Piravithanam south.

5. Edamattam-Tidanad road.

The Member stated that the above roads which provided means of communication to the interior tracts had been cut by the people and requested that they might be taken over by Government for maintenance.

6. Construction of Vazhamattam-Bharananganam road.

An estimate for this road had been sanctioned in 1917. Funds should be provided early.

7. Opening of a road to Ramapuram from Lalam-Thodupuzha road 2nd mile *via* Ezhacherry. The people had consented to give the required land free of cost.

8. Construction of a landing ghat in the Minachil river near the Pala market.

The Member's next prayer was in regard to the construction of a building for the higher grade vernacular school for boys at Pala and another for the girls' school at Pala near the boys' school building. He also urged the desirability of locating the District Munsiff's Court near the public offices and putting up a satrom at Minachil for the use of travellers of all castes.

Dewan's reply.—Estimates have been sanctioned for some of the works. Several Members have represented about P. W. needs. All of them cannot be sanctioned at the same time. As soon as the budget is sanctioned, it will be communicated to the representatives of the people at whose suggestion allotments will be made in the order of urgency and the works taken up.

165. Needs of the Kunnatnad Taluk.

Mr. V. R. Gopala Pillai (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) in submitting his representation regarding means of communication, urged the need for repairing and putting in order the following roads :—

(*a*) portion of the Alwaye-Perumpavur road;

(*b*) Muvattupuzha-Kunnatnad road;

(*c*) the approach road to Vallom landing, a mile in distance; and

(*d*) the road from Angamali market and from Kaladi to Manjapara for which an estimate had already been sanctioned.

The Member next pleaded for the establishment of a District and Sessions Court at Perumpavur. The District Court was situated at Parur, the western extremity of its jurisdiction. It was most inconvenient to the people of Todupuzha which was far removed from Parur. On the other hand, Perumpavur was centrally situated.

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